

DISCUSSION GROUP B

PPC QUESTIONS - GROUP B

1. PPA - Can we make maximum use of Type II at field stations in order to reduce to absolute minimum the demand for additional personnel?
2. Concern expressed over the problem of carrying the principle past the point of diminishing returns, i.e., the cost of keeping costs becomes greater than the value of the savings and controls gained.
3. How far do we go in costing items beyond control of the component? Example - Logistics is supplying full-time couriers to other components. How would they be costed?
4. The problem of operating components who are in the supply (or other support) business. Example - ORR supplies certain maps (high cost) to PPC.
5. Does the allotment system follow the costing system? This would involve managerial control.
6. What happens in the case (usual) or late appropriations - first quarter of fiscal year? What happens to cost based (programing) when arbitrary cuts are made by Bureau of the Budget, Congress, Comptroller?
7. How can uncontrollable cost figures be fed back to the budgeting component for managerial use?
8. Inventory - does the using component set up inventory controls for non-expendables (or unexpended expendables)? What happens to non-expendable inventory which has been costed out to the using component, but not to an operation, if carried over at end of fiscal year?
9. What effect does the planning figure provided by PPC have on an area division budget?

10. What about the costing of services to non-CIA agencies and activities? RI is an example.
11. What is the Comptroller doing or going to do for the education of non admin people?
12. Suggest study, analysis and mark-up of an actual complex - [REDACTED] for example.

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